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SUBJECT: SOMALIA - SOMALIA UNIT REQUESTS SUMMER TDYERS

¶1. Post requests temporary duty (TDY) coverage for the Somalia Unit during the period June 2-26, August 17-31, and September 1-25 to allow the Unit's FSOs and their families to take R&R while maintaining the Unit's responsiveness and output. A breakdown of specific days, needs and costs follows in para 3. The press of the Unit's business, the need to respond quickly to likely breaking events, and significant and escalating interest in Somalia from Washington policymakers necessitates the Unit maintain full staffing, if possible.

¶2. A TDY in the Somalia Unit is an excellent opportunity to refine your understanding of Somalia's and the region's political, counter-terror and development/humanitarian issues. U.S. policy toward Somalia is constantly evolving, and interagency attention to this fascinating country has increased in recent months. TDYers will interact with high level Somali officials, our international partners, and contribute to the Mission's interagency deliberations.

¶3. NEEDS: Coverage days and preferred skill set:

-- June 2-26 and August 17-31: For both periods we need a political/economic reporting officer with regional, security sector and/or counter-terrorism experience. Working under supervision of the counselor, and with other Somali Unit officers, TDYers will: monitor and report on political, security and economic developments in Somalia; advise the ambassador and accompany him for meetings between the ambassador and high level Somali officials; monitor and advance Somalia Unit and USAID efforts to deliver development and security sector assistance to the Somali government and people; attend donor coordination meetings; draft analysis of violent extremists' threats to the Transitional Federal Government; participate in Post's interagency discussions on piracy and monitor piracy trends; report on political events in Somaliland, especially progress toward elections in the Fall; meet with the Somali diaspora and business community; and manage the political LES.

-- September 1-25: A TDYer with public diplomacy/information officer experience. Taking direction from the counselor, and in cooperation with the Unit's other staff, the officer will monitor open source Somali media; draft, clear and release Somalia unit media announcements as appropriate; manage grants, projects and events under development; advance ongoing outreach projects to the Somali diaspora and Somali community in Kenya; represent the Unit in interagency strategic communication coordination meetings; and supervise the PD LES.

¶4. COSTS: TDY housing will be provided by the Embassy. Airfare, ground transport and M&IE will be borne by the TDYer's bureau. Estimated costs follow:

--Roundtrip airfare from Washington to Nairobi: \$2755

--June 2-26: M&IE per diem: 24 days x \$108 = \$2592
TDY quarters to office ground transport (estimated): \$100

--August 17-31: M&IE per diem: 14 days x \$108 = \$1,512
TDY quarters to office ground transport (estimated): \$100

--September 1-25: M&IE per diem: 24 days x \$108 = \$2592
TDY quarters to office ground transport (estimated): \$80

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